

~~a button extending from the ski pole grip and mechanically coupled to the attachment mechanism, the button depressible by a thumb on the hand of the skier disengaging the attachment mechanism from the pin allowing the ejection mechanism to eject the pin horizontally from the channel out over a top end of the hand of the skier while said same hand of the skier remains wrapped around the ski pole grip.~~

10. (Twice Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:

a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;

a pin connected to a glove of a skier, the pin having an end portion which includes a notch;

an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and releasably locking the pin to the ski pole grip; the attachment mechanism including:

an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip;

a retractable finger protruding across a portion of the channel, the pin inserting horizontally into the channel and engaging the notch with the finger; and

a button on the ski pole grip and mechanically coupled to the finger, the button depressible by a thumb on the hand of the skier to retract the finger from the notch in the end portion of the pin, allowing the pin to detach from the attachment mechanism and move out of the channel and toward a top end of the hand of the skier while same hand of the skier remains wrapped around the ski pole grip.

REMARKS

Response to Amendment

Status: Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. The term "strap" has been deleted before the word "pin" in claim 8 and claim 10. The word "substantially" has been added to claim 8 after the phrase "ski pole grip". The phrase "a thumb on" has been added to claim 8 after the phrase "button depressible by". The phrase "a thumb on" has been added to claim 10